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1. SHIMON PERES, APPARENTLY WISH TO CLARIFY HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE US INTENTION TO OFFER MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROPOSALS, DELIVERED A LENGTHY AND DETAILED STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT TO THE MAY 8 SESSION OF THE CABINET. EXCERPTED IS HIS STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. RECALLING THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS REGARDING THE WAYS OF DEALING BY THE US WITH THE MIDLE
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EAST ISSUE, WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON AN APPROACH OF JUSTICE, MINISTER PERES STRESSED THAT THE US WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO PROVIDE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO THE PARTIES WITH THE AIM OF BUILDING A BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEIR POSI-TIONS AND EASING THE TECHNIQUE OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES. EXPERIENCE TEACHES THAT WHENEVER THE US OFFERED PROPOSALS OR PLANS OF ITS OWN, IT ENERED INTO CONFRONTA-

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TION WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES.

3. MINISTER PERES ALSO RECALLED THE STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISIONS REGARDING SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WOULD BE WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE FACTORS THAT HAD TO BE PARTY TO SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE - I.E., ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES. MINISTER PERES REITERATED AND STATED THAT ISRAEL OPPOSED ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION. INTERPRETED IN PRACTICE, SUCH A SOLUTION COULD BE NOUGHT BUT COERCION OF ISRAEL - SINCE IT COULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE US WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION ON THE ARAB STATES.

4. MINISTER PERES WENT ON TO SAY THAT ISRAEL WOULD PRESENT ITS POSITIONS AND IDEAS IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US, BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE SET ABOUT DRAWING MAPS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POLICY SINCE ITS FORMATION - THAT NO PEACE-BORDER MAPS WOULD BE DRAWN OTHER THAN DURING THE ACTUAL COURSE OF THE PRACTICAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR OVERALL TRUE PEACE WITH THE ARAB STATES.

5. MINISTER PERES EXPRESSED ACCORD WITH THE STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO HAD REITEREATED AND SAID THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO HASTE IN ITS CONVENING PENDING PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON THE CENTRAL POINTS. END TEXT.
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6. ENDING HIS "VACATION," YITZHAK RABIN JUMPED INTO THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OVER THE WEEKEND BY ADDRESSING LABOR PARTY SUPPORTERS IN UPPER NAZARETH. RABIN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE US CANNOT BEING A PEACE PLAN OF ITS OWN WITHOUT DISQUALIFYING ITSELF AS A MEDIATOR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES. THE ROGERS PLAN, WHICH WAS THE SINGLE US PEACE PLAN SINCE 1967, HAD LED TO STALEMENT, INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE, AND GREATER DANGER OF WAR, RABIN SAID.

7. THE OPPOSITIONLIKUD PARTY IS EXPECTED TO CALL TODAY FOR A SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION TO DISCUSS PERES' "PRAISE" OF US DECLARATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING FORTHCOMING PEACE PROPOSALS.

8. COMMENT: PERES' COMMENTS OFFER NOTHING NEW, BUT ARE COUNCED IN UNMISTAKEABLE TERMS TO PREVENT ANY MISINTERPRETTION. DUNNIGAN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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